

## Test Your Women's History IQ

2010

### National Women's History Month Quiz

1. Which President issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring March as the first National Women's History Week?
2. In what year was the first Presidential Proclamation made that designated National Women's History Week?
3. Why was the week of March 8th chosen as the time for this celebration?
4. In what year did Women's History Week become Women's History Month?
5. What does the President do each year in celebration of National Women's History Month?

1. President Carter
2. 1980
3. March 8th is International Women's Day
4. 1987
5. The President issues a National Women's History Month Proclamation every March.

ANSWERS

## Learn More

### Learn more about women's history

The National Women's History Project (NWHP) web site at [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org) provides information about women's history, Women's History Month, and related resources.

Our on-line webstore [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org) serves as our **Women's History Resource Catalog** and features multicultural posters, books, videos, and educational materials for all ages.

You'll find information about women from all walks of life who have helped shape our nation.

We welcome you to join the NWHP Network to strengthen and expand the recognition and celebration of women's accomplishments.

For more information, resources, and materials about honoring, recognizing, and celebrating women's diverse historic achievements, visit:

[www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org)



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*The NWHP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational organization committed to recognizing and celebrating the diverse and historic accomplishments of women by providing information and educational materials*

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## Writing Women Back into History

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# Writing Women Back into History

## Celebrating 30 Years

2010 is the 30th anniversary of President Carter issuing the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980 as the first National Women's History Week.

The NWHP, founded in 1980, spearheaded the movement for National Women's History Week. In 1987, we led another nation-wide lobbying effort which resulted in Congress expanding the week into a month. March is now National Women's History Month.

## Writing Women Back into History

*The history of women often seems to be written with invisible ink. Even when recognized in their own times, women are often not included in the history books.*

In 2010, in celebration of our 30th Anniversary, we will be using **Writing Women Back into History** as the overarching theme as well as highlighting themes from previous years.

Each of these past themes recognizes a different aspect of women's achievements, from ecology to art, and from sports to politics. Each provides a special focus for March 2010.

National Women's History Month provides an excellent venue to recognize and celebrate women's historic achievements as well as an opportunity to honor women within our families and communities.

## What will YOU do to celebrate National Women's History Month?



## SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

**Every year, the President issues a special Women's History Month Proclamation. The following resolution can be used as a model for your local school district or city council.**

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

**Whereas** American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

**Whereas** American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

**Whereas** American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

**Whereas** American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

**Whereas** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas** despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that March is designated as "Women's History Month."

**The President is authorized and requested** to issue a proclamation each March, calling upon the people of the United States to observe March as Women's History Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

*(Congressional Resolution designating the month of March as "Women's History Month," 1987)*

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